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M. Pettit of
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Thos. Lafon,
Apr. 18. 1846.
Inclosing letter from Green

on that account, though they did not order him home had yet rather, that he should come than to have remained at the S Islands. Whether he is now ordered home or not I have not heard.

I shd think that both he & Mr Merrick may probably be in N.Y to attend the anniversaries. Will you not ascertain & see them.

Yrs truly
Tho: Lafon

Hookolokolo'd, in Bro Green's letter means, investigated by examination of witnesses, as of supposed criminals before a magistrate
Kauka, means Dr Judd

committed themselves in the letters of introduction they had given me. But I am not sure that they have not something which will do for exhibition to their friends at the rooms, but which the writers would by no means have made public. It might seem presumptuous in me to think that the Bd wd honor my labors with so much attention, but I understand on good authority that they have a document from the Missionaries in Persia which they hold over the Rev: Mr Jones to be levied upon him if he speaks. He is therefore, or from some other reason, silent, notwithstanding the beginning he made at Andover.

The Rev: A. B. Smith has felt, I think, grieved with the Bd, whether justly or not, I do not know: Nor am I certain that he entertained any feeling of dislike to their management. This I know, that they gave him leave to return to the U.S. shortly after his arrival at the S. Islands without his asking that leave, and without his accepting it. Moreover, while in Oregon he and Revd Mr Spaulding were the poles apart in the views they entertained, and the accounts they gave of the missionary work there. Spaulding's accounts - all glowing with success & triumph are published - Smith's not. Spaulding speaks of a great work - reformation - conversions &c Smith speaks as if it is doubtful about the piety of Oregon Indians. Mr Smith is a sensible - solid looking man, and said to be the best linguist they had among the Indians. I have never seen Mr Spaulding.

I have little doubt, that the Bd regarded him as they did Jones & Merrick: i.e. as a disturbing force, and

Thos Lafon,

Fitchburg Apl 18th 1846

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Rev: A. A. Phelps }
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Dr Br.

I wrote you yesterday. My location at the Sandwich Isles was at one end of the group and though I visited every Island where we have stations yet I have no personal knowledge of most that I wrote you. You will doubtless perceive that from the date of many of the transactions mentioned, but I spoke of them as I would of any other piece of the passing undisputed history of our times.

I have lately recd several letters from the Islands - 2 from Mr Green. I enclose one of them and have marked what he says of Kekauluohi, and their prospects for new oppressions at the Islands.

Though I have seen Revd Mr Merrick from Persia twice, and have written to him to which he replied after my return from Syracuse he only says enough that is tangible, and that he is willing should be used, to vex one. Having been ordered home by the Bd his case is new. He told me in Feby that he had yet settled nothing with the Bd.

Did I ever mention to you that I thought the Bd had tried to get something from the missionaries at the Islands to use against me? I supposed if they did they had failed in that, because so many of them had